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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Discussions with the NRO on
Satellite Requirements

1. This memorandum is for information and provides followup on the assignment to the Chairman, COMOR to seek a solution to the impasse with the NRO over the satellite requirements paper which the Board had referred to the NRO for comment.

2. Mr. Kiefer, DD/NRO, met with COMOR 31 October, the second informal discussion, seeking to solve the problem on long-range satellite requirements. Mr. Kiefer tabled the formal reply, a revision of an earlier statement, from the D/NRO to the Chairman, USIB commenting on the COMOR papers on this problem. The COMOR members read the paper and found it to be very helpful. Time did not permit discussion of all the comments but there was a general feeling that COMOR would now have a basis for revising its requirements recommendations in a manner which would both reflect the Board's views and would be helpful to the NRO.

3. Mr. Kiefer offered to hold a briefing in the Control Center in the Pentagon for the COMOR and its working groups as a means of getting a better appreciation of operational problems. This is now scheduled for Tuesday, 12 November. Meanwhile, on the basis of the D/NRO response and the discussion of COMOR, the Chairman, COMOR is preparing a redraft of the COMOR requirements for consideration of the COMOR at its 14 November meeting.

4. It is my own feeling that if the present trend can be sustained, we can look forward to an improvement in the interface relations between COMOR and the NRO.

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